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Applicant(s): Hiroshi Akita			
Invention: PROTECTIVE MEMBRANE-EQUIPPED COMPOSITE ELECTROLYTE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUEL CELL PROVIDED WITH THE SAME			

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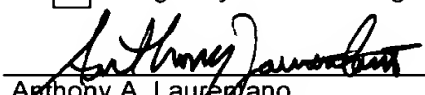
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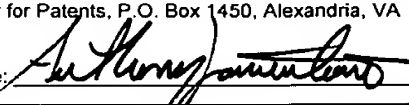
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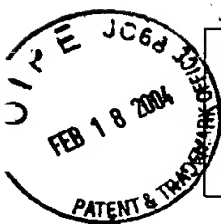
  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003 (Paper No. 10), finally rejecting claims 7-12 and 19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.